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In re Application of

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Serial No. 09/290,777

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For SPINDLE ASSEMBLY FOR MACHINE
TOOLS AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME

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Madam:

In response to the Patent Office communication of December 1, 2000, setting a response date of March 1, 2001 and the subsequent communication of March 7, 2001 extending the response date to April 1, 2001, Applicant requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

Amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. A spindle assembly for a machine tool comprising:

a housing having at least one bearing seat;

a bearing having an inner race and an outer race disposed in said at least one bearing seat;

a sleeve disposed between one of the inner and outer races of said bearing and said

housing, bonded to said housing; and

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